AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

-- A system and method for obtaining information relating to a person, such as contact details, without face-to-face, verbal or other contact. The apparatus uses an image recognition system for obtaining personal information related to a target person, and includes: an image acquisition device for capturing an image of a target person; a database of stored image data items each relating to one of a plurality of candidate persons, each image data item being associated with stored personal data relating to the respective candidate person; a search engine for matching the captured image of the target person to a candidate person image data item and retrieving the personal data relating thereto; a display device for displaying the personal data relating to the target person; and control **device**means, operable by each candidate person, to control third party access to the stored personal data relating to the candidate person.--